

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WESLEY M. KRAFT,

Defendant.

4:24CR3004

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF  
FORFEITURE

This matter is before the Court upon the United States of America's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 37](#)). The Court has reviewed the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. On June 27, 2024, the Court held a change of plea hearing for Defendant and Defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count I and admitted to the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment (Filing No. 30; [Filing No. 33](#)).

2. Count I of the Indictment charged the Defendant with violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B).

3. The Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment sought forfeiture of a FMJ Model D 45 Caliber handgun as “any firearm and ammunition involved in the commission of the offense.”

4. By virtue of said plea of guilty, the Defendant has forfeited his interest in the subject property. Accordingly, the United States should be entitled to possession of said property pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

5. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

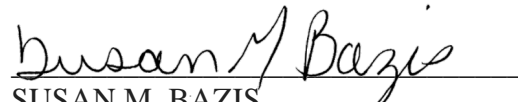
1. The Government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture ([Filing No. 37](#)) is granted.
2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and the plea of guilty, the Government is hereby authorized to seize the FMJ Model D 45 Caliber handgun.
3. Defendant's interest in the FMJ Model D 45 Caliber handgun is hereby forfeited to the Government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).
4. The FMJ Model D 45 Caliber handgun is to be held by the Government in its secure custody and control.
5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the Government shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, [www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov), notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the Government's intent to dispose of the subject property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject property must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the FMJ Model D 45 Caliber handgun, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title, or interest in the FMJ Model D 45 Caliber handgun and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

7. The Government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the FMJ Model D 45 Caliber handgun as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 1st day of July, 2024.

BY THE COURT:

  
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SUSAN M. BAZIS  
United States District Judge